

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:	)	
	)	Group Art Unit: 1742
Naoki Komai	)	
	)	Examiner: Nicholas A. Smith
Application No. 10/762,691	)	
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Filed: January 22, 2004	)	
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For: ELECTROPOLISHING APPARATUS AND	)	
POLISHING METHOD	)	

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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

This amendment is being filed in response to the Office communication dated September 11, 2006. Please reconsider the application in view of the amendment and remarks presented below.

**ELECTION OF CLAIMS**

In response to the election requirement, applicant hereby elects Group I, Claims 1-3 for further examination.

Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims and/or to request rejoinder of non-elected claims.

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